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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2012-21

I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby declare the following:

1. Due to Exceptional and Extreme Drought conditions existing in 77 counties in Oklahoma, and the severe wildfires beginning July 22, 2012, and continuing, there is hereby declared a disaster emergency caused by wildfires and drought in the State of Oklahoma that threatens the lives and property of the people of this State and the public's peace, health, and safety.

This declaration may be amended as conditions warrant.

- 2. It may be necessary to provide for the rendering of mutual assistance among the State and political subdivisions of the State with respect to carrying out disaster emergency functions during the continuance of the State emergency pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003.
- 3. State agencies, in responding to this disaster emergency, may make necessary emergency acquisitions to fulfill the purposes of this proclamation without regard to limitations or bidding requirements on such acquisitions.
- 4. The State Emergency Operations Plan has been activated and resources of all State departments and agencies available to meet this emergency are hereby committed to the reasonable extent necessary to protect lives and to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage. These efforts shall be coordinated by the Director of the Department of Emergency Management with comparable functions of the federal government and political subdivisions of the State.
- 5. This Executive Order shall terminate at the end of thirty (30) days.

Copies of this Executive Order shall be distributed to the Director of Emergency Management who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this <u>30</u> day of July, 2012.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MARY FALLIN

ATTEST:

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